



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 12, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.24 inches of rain up to 1.97 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Most of Horry County has been inundated with rain over the last couple of weeks which is starting to impact tobacco harvest. Delays from not being able to get into fields are pushing barn capacity to the limits and negatively affecting leaf quality. Cotton producers are also feeling the pinch, as too much plant growth and their inability to apply growth regulators will have a negative effect on cotton yields.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Crop conditions are favorable with stable amounts of soil moisture in most areas.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crop conditions continue to favor good production outcomes. Soil moisture is adequate to excessive in some cases due to heavy downpours. Corn harvest beginning on a limited basis.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Soybeans made good progress in condition and yield potential this week. Peanut growers are continuing the application of fungicides with some being done by airplane. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/12/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	65	33	89	81
Cotton - Squaring	95	90	95	97
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	75	59	75	80
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	1	0	2	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting	54	33	80	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	72	62	87	91
Peanuts - Pegging.....	88	80	93	97
Soybeans - Blooming	58	28	80	69
Soybeans - Setting Pods	27	4	38	23
Tobacco - Harvested.....	39	23	47	57

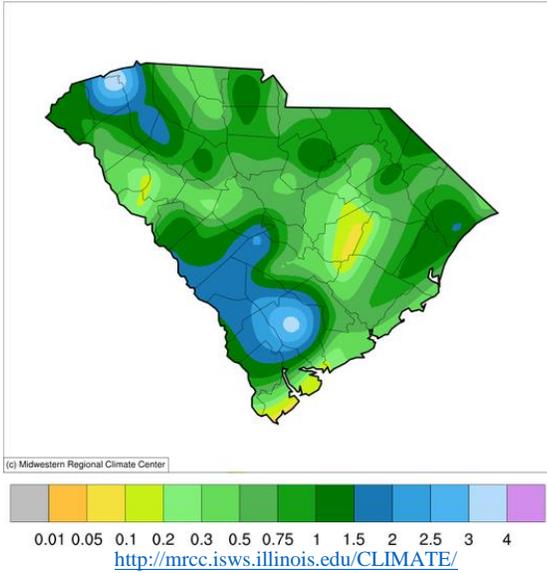
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/12/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	12	85	2
Corn	0	6	28	52	14
Cotton	0	3	24	53	20
Pasture and range.....	0	1	19	74	6
Peanuts.....	0	0	15	50	35
Soybeans	0	1	28	66	5
Tobacco	0	13	35	44	8

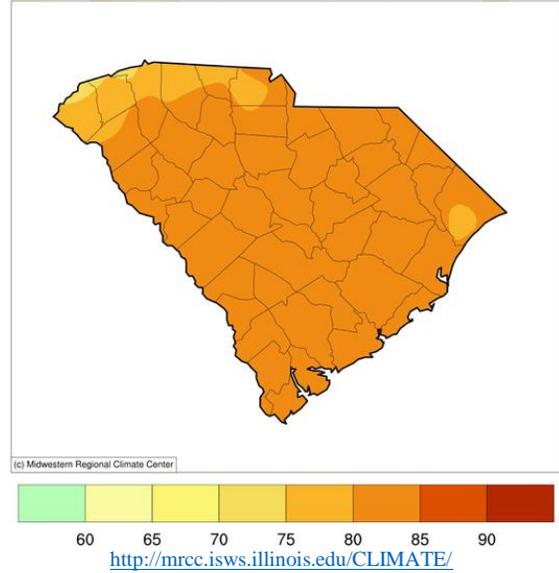
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/12/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	1	1	NA
Adequate.....	80	87	NA
Surplus.....	19	12	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	3	5	NA
Adequate.....	79	80	NA
Surplus.....	18	15	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 06, 2018 to August 12, 2018



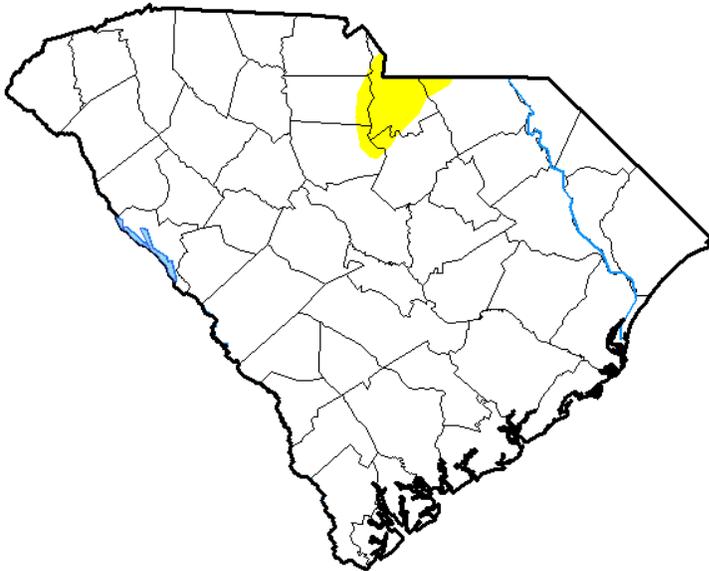
Average Temperature (°F)
August 06, 2018 to August 12, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 7, 2018
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-31-2018	84.85	15.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-08-2018	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-08-2017	97.64	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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